GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to expand Madurai, Tiruchi, Coimbatore, Salem Airports in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Airports so as to bring them to international standard considering considerable traffic and importance of the cities where the Airports are located;

(b) if so, the plan allocation made alongwith the other details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)
(a) :- Airports Authority of India(AAI) has plans for the development/upgradation of Madurai and Trichy airports for operation of AB-320 and Coimbatore Airport for operation of AB-300 class of aircraft. However, AAI has no plans for the upgradation of Salem and Pondicherry Airports as no airlines operators have shown their willingness to operate their flights to Salem and Pondicherry Airports.

(b) & (c) :- AAIhas made budget provision of Rs. 5.10 crores for runway extension and construction of new terminal building at Madurai and Rs. 8 crores for extension of runway and construction of new terminal building at Trichy Airport during 9th plan period (1997-2002).
AAIhas placed requisition of 60 acres of land for development of Madurai Airport and 75 acres of land for development of Trichy airport and 175 acres of land for development of Coimbatore Airport with the State Government of Tamil Nadu.